

## **Recreation Committee Mins 07/31/2007**

### **Hopkinton Recreation Committee**

**July 31, 2007**

***(These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next committee meeting)***

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM at Columbia Hall

Members in attendance: Vernon Miller, Louise Carr, Jim Martin, Lillian Landry and Recreation Director Justin La Vigne.

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Guests: Valerie Carr

Justin indicated that there are no minutes from the last meeting. The last minutes are from March. Louise indicated that the last meeting was solely about the July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

#### **July 4<sup>th</sup> wrap up:**

Money is still being accounted for. Expenditures added up, especially paying for electrical work that was done in preparation for the chili cook off. We brought in about \$1200. After all the bills are added up we are looking about break even.

Attendance was very high, with an estimate that there were between 750 – 1000 people in total.

Louise and others made suggestions on what we change or modify for next year.

Post no parking signs on one side of Houston Dr. More visible signs, cars blocked some

Parking volunteers need to be there and ready to go by 11:30am, because park to watch the parade.

Change parade route to avoid hill. People in parade stopped at Fire Station. Have Vets in a truck, not walking.

Ending the parade; people went into Houston Field when it was blocked off.

Promote floats, have a contest.

Fewer raffle items.

Bigger 50/50, need to promote more. Have 1 or 2 people specific for that.

Raffle table should be near the mic. We need to list items and how many people put in for each.

Have a Rec Table, handing out information.

Need more food concession. Keep together, sell all at one time. Not individual (burger/dog/drink)

Need more food, start cooking before hand. More people selling. Need sweets and snack food.

Maybe connect it with the old Strawberry Fest?

Have more cash on hand to make change. We had \$100, need 300/400.

More balloons and make ahead of time. Need better tie things.

Band. Need shorter breaks. Point in different directions. Make them stop when making announcements.

More 2 way radios. Pie eating contest should be up on a platform. Rope area off and give eaters aprons.

More coolers for ice.

Need to assign duties in more a specific manner.

Chili cook off. Should we have it again? Better organized, more people. Each chili should have someone filling it. We need to get cookers months in advance. Some will attend Henniker's cook off. Raise fees for entering. Bigger prizes. More games, pin toss, greased pig, cow bingo, watermelon toss, bubble gum blowing contest.

Need to get a permit to close state roads. Do early April/May. Is this the fire depts job?

Have the kid parade in the street not parking lot.

Book Shiners six months out. Book Son's of Amer Rev early. Ben Hampton contact.

Need to hang a large flag somewhere.

Signs for bathrooms, and have someone check on them.

Assign a MC, assign garbage can duties, Rent climbing wall.

## **Summer Camp Update:**

Last year camp had about 90 kids, this is up to 220 kids. Session 4-7 are booked up and have a waiting list. We will make some money this year on the camp. Bus service will cost about \$8000.00 and trips run about \$500 per trip (7 trips). Most of the kids need the camp and parents are enjoying the service. We may need to hire more counselors next year. Justin will look into using the excess funds made from the camp to hire other counselors. Kimball Pond is being used three days a week.

### **Kimball Pond:**

Kimball Pond was only open two weeks last year, not many users. So far this year we estimate 2000 users, avg daily attendance is 50-60 people. Trampoline is a hit but is getting some wear and tear. Karen the Pond Director is doing a great job! Swim lessons are a hit, Christine is doing a great job. Pond shuts down Aug 25, trampoline comes out Aug 19. Staff will start cleaning pond area the week before.

### **Other Business:**

The Vermont camping trip scheduled for the past week was not cancelled by Rob before he left. Justin will look into getting it rescheduled and got a voucher for the camping reservation. Maybe having it in Sept or Oct.

Haunted House was set to happen on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. Time TBD. Theme will be Monsterville, a place where monsters go to retire. Vernon will be spearheading the efforts. Discussions followed about ideas for the event.

The Rec Committee discussed the idea of nominating Valerie Carr to the committee. Everybody was in favor and Justin will make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 28 at 6:30pm @ Columbia Hall.

We are adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Justin La Vigne